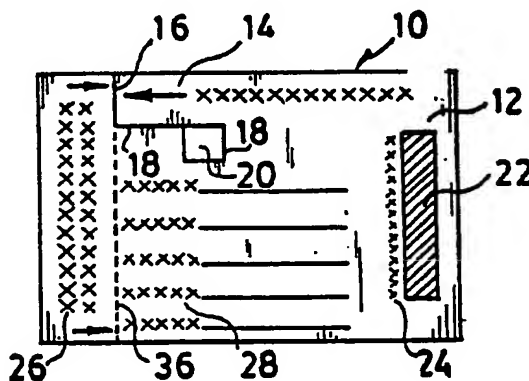




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(57) Abstract

A locking device (10) in the shape of a unitary body (12) formed from a bio-degradable material which includes an element (14) with at least one free end formed integral with said body (12). The severable element (14) is designed to engage and secure a container lock mechanism (42, 44, 46, 48) when the container (50, 54) is in a closed position, whereby the free end (16) of the element (14) is capable of being mechanically or adhesively secured to said unitary body to form a seal, with said device being designed to fracture upon opening of the container lock mechanism (42, 44, 46, 48) thereby providing visible evidence of the lock mechanism (42, 44, 46, 48) being opened.